National Security Advisor's visit to China

124. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether our National Security Advisor has visited Beijing for talks on border issues in November, 2004;

(b) if so, the outcome of the visit; and

(c) whether any understanding or agreement on security matters has been reached between the two countries during his visit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes. The National Security Advisor visited Beijing for the fourth meeting of the Special Representatives of the Governments of India and China on the Boundary Question held on November 18-19, 2004.

(b) and (c) The meeting between the National Security Advisor and the Chinese Vice Foreign Minister, Mr. Dai Bingguo, Special Representative of India and China respectively, was held in a friendly, constructive and cooperative atmosphere. The exchange of views was frank and detailed. The two sides agreed to hold the next meeting in New Delhi at a mutually convenient date.

Japan's Support to Get Permanent Seat in Security Council

†125. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that beside a number of other matters, the Foreign Ministers of India and Japan have agreed to provide help to each other for acquiring permanent membership of United Nations Security Council during the discussions held on 12th August, 2004 between both the countries; and

(b) if so, the names of developing and developed countries which have, in addition to Japan supported India on the said issue during the annual meeting of General Assembly of United Nations in 2004?

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